CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL 2015

* Arrive by 10:00 a.m. at St. Anthony – be appropriately dressed!!
* You will begin Mass in your pew – we are not processing in.
* The candidates will sit in one row while their sponsor sits in the row behind.
* Active and faith-filled participation:
  + *ACTIVE PARTICIPATION in the conferral of the Sacrament must focus on the group responses to the Renewal of Baptismal Commitment and the individual response to* ***the words of conferral and to the sign of peace.***
  + *FAITH-FILLED PARTICIPATION means each candidate has a good understanding and appreciation of the Renewal of Baptismal Commitment and the “Amen” and the exchange of the sign of peace.*
* Presentation ceremony by Fr. Matt (after Gospel): “Bishop Banks, the parish community of St. Anthony wishes to present to you its young men and women who have been prepared and are ready to receive the gift of the Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Each candidate has been well instructed and is accompanied by a sponsor. It is my privilege to present them to you at this time.”
* Dawn will call your name

Emily Schabel

Zachary Stankevich

Brooklyn Wolosyn

Adam Parent

Cailyn Branback

Brett Morin

As your name is called, you will stand and recite, clearly and loud enough so that you are heard, “**I wish to be Confirmed.**” Stay standing until all names are called. The Bishop will instruct you to be seated and then present his homily to you and the rest of the faithful.

* After the homily you will renew your Baptismal promises. This consists of saying **“I Do”** 6 times. Then Bishop will call down the Holy Spirit on all of you (Epiclesis) followed by the individual anointing…
* The Bishop administers Confirmation by standing at the center of the sanctuary. The whole row stands to approach the Bishop, candidate with sponsor’s hand on your shoulder. Be sure to get close enough that his hand can reach you. (He should not have to bend outward or step forward to reach you) Sponsors will place their right hand on their candidate’s left shoulder (standing slightly behind them) and state, “Bishop Banks, I present my (sister, friend, grandchild, etc), (Name), who is taking the name (Saint Name).” *We are providing you with a cheat sheet*. Speak clearly and sincerely. It is ***EXTREMELY IMPORTANT*** for each of you to look at the Bishop and ***sincerely and enthusiastically*** reply

Bishop: N. be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Candidate: “**AMEN”**

Bishop: Peace be with you

Candidate: “**And with your Spirit**” as you shake hands in a meaningful sign of peace. Give room to the person ahead of you; however there should NOT be a long delay between each candidate.

* THE SACRED CHRISM is NOT wiped off your forehead. After you are confirmed, return to your pew and stay standing until all members of your pew have returned, then be seated.
* Mass will proceed as usual. Pay attention during the entire Mass. This is your first time receiving the Eucharist as a fully initiated member of the Church!
* Two volunteers are to bring up the gifts: Emily and Zac
* At the final blessing respond clearly (see below)

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: **Who made Heaven and Earth**

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord

All: **Now and Forever**

* Please remain in your pew to await pictures. We have a special confirmation gift to be given to each of you along with certificates.
* Cake is available in the narthex